

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

16. (currently amended) A door trim panel assembly for mounting to a doorframe structure of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a hardware carrier having a body including a front and back surface; and
a seal molded to the front surface and having a length and at least a first non-linear configuration, the first non-linear configuration being defined by opposing top and bottom surfaces of the seal and opposing first and second side walls of the seal, the first and second side walls connecting the top and bottom surfaces, the bottom surface being molded to the front surface of the carrier and the top surface being planar for contacting the doorframe structure to seal the carrier thereto, wherein the first non-linear configuration is repeated substantially along the entire length of the seal to define a repeating pattern when viewed from the top surface.

17. (original) The door trim panel assembly of claim 16 further comprising a door trim panel, the back surface of the hardware carrier being coupled to the door trim panel.

18. (currently amended) The door trim panel assembly of claim 16 wherein the first non-linear configuration includes at least one of a substantially repeating v-shaped, s-shaped, and o-shaped configuration.

19. (currently amended) The door trim panel assembly of claim 16 wherein the non-linear configuration further comprising comprises at least a first and second non-linear configuration, one side of the seal including the first non-linear configuration and an opposing side of the seal including the second non-linear configuration.

20. (original) The door trim panel assembly of claim 16 wherein the seal comprises a thermoplastic elastomer and the body comprises a thermoplastic material such that the seal bonds to the body.

21. (new) The door trim panel assembly of claim 16 wherein the length defines an axis, the repeating pattern including a plurality of repeating segments transverse to the axis.

22. (new) The door trim panel assembly of claim 19 wherein the first and second non-linear configurations are the same.